

Town Board Adopts Resolution Moved by Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner To Join the Long Island Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council

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Farmingville, NY - At the September 7 Town Board meeting, the Town Board unanimously adopted a resolution moved by Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner to form an agreement between the Town and Nassau and Suffolk Counties to become a member of the Long Island Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council. As other municipalities, school districts and not-for-profit agencies join this partnership, the Town will save money each year in joint bidding and purchasing of common goods and services. The Council also provides a forum for the Town to explore and develop areas for municipal cooperative activities and learn about surplus goods and equipment for sale or lease.

"Joining the Long Island Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council will greatly increase the Town's buying power and I expect that it will have a positive impact on our bottom line, and hopefully save taxpayer dollars," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

Councilwoman Bonner, a longtime advocate of the Town joining the Council said, "This is the culmination of much hard work and research over the last few years and now it's a reality. It is a very timely victory for Town residents who are doing all they can to save money and now the Town is taking another positive step to do our part."

An advisory board consisting of one representative from each participating entity will manage the Council and identify products and services with common industry wide standards and those that are purchased in large quantities such as paper, office supplies and fuel oils. The participants would then coordinate a joint bid which would allow all to realize significant cost savings.

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